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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
10/307,622	December 12, 2002	Enrico Nicolo

A copy of the above-identified application has not been provided because Applicant believes it is accessible through the Image File Wrapper (IFW) System. If the Examiner would like a copy of any documents(s) related to this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that an opposition has been filed with the European Patent Office against European Patent No. 1 317 227 (copy enclosed) which is directed to an implantable prosthesis that includes, *inter alia*, a peripheral barrier that inhibits the formation of adhesions between a portion of the outer peripheral edge of a layer of repair fabric and adjacent tissue and organs. Enclosed are copies of the opposition documents which include:

- Communication of a Notice of Opposition (1 page);
- Notice of Opposition dated August 16, 2005 (4 pages);
- D1 - WO 99/06079;
- D2 – Groupe Floreane Medical Implants, Reference Document 2002-2003 (2 pages including page 7);
- D3 – Jarsaillon, P., Laparoscopic treatment of an umbilical hernia using a new composite mesh, Hernia (2000), 4 [Suppl.]: S17-S21;
- Brief Communication dated August 31, 2005 (1 page);
- Letter from Opponent dated August 16, 2005;
- D4 – Parietex Composite brochure, Sofradim International (4 pages);
- D5 – U.S. Patent No. 3,416,524 (Meier).

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08):

The relevance of WO 99/06079 may be gleaned from US 6,264,702 which is a family member thereof.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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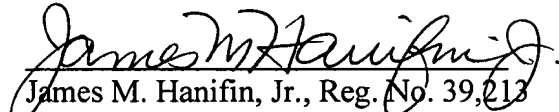
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials #	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or Issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code		
		3,416,524		Meier	12-17-1968
		6,264,702	B1	Ory et al.	07-24-2001

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Office/ Country	Number	Kind Code			
		WO	99/06079	A1	SOFRADIM PRODUCTION	02-11-1999	
		EP	1 317 227	B1	Cherok et al.	11-17-2004	

OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials #	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation (Y/N)
		GROUPE FLOREANE MEDICAL IMPLANTS; Reference document 2002 · 2003; http://www.actusnews.fr/documents/ACTUS-0-664-041118_doc_de_ref_2002_2003.pdf	
		JARSAILLON, P., Hernia (2000) 4 [Suppl.]: S17-S21; Case Reports: Laparoscopic treatment of an umbilical hernia using a new composite mesh; (c) Springer-Verlag 2000.	
		SOFRADIM INTERNATIONAL, PARIETEX® COMPOSITE, company brochure; (4) pages.	

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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

*a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. __, filed __, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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